

WATERS RAGING IN THE VALLEYS

Rivers are Still Rising but Cold Weather Has Already Had its Effect, but Not Until After a Great Amount of Damage Was Done.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—There is a disastrous flood in the Schuylkill, Baltimore & Ohio tracks in the depot at 24th and Chestnut street, are two feet under water. Pennsylvania tracks, almost on the bank of the Schuylkill, are three feet under water. The West span of the Pennsylvania bridge across the Schuylkill at Washington avenue, was washed away.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 23.—Captain Bassler, the local foreman in the weather bureau, says Huntington, Catheburg and Portsmouth report no ice running. At Point Pleasant the river is full of heavy ice with a fine-mile current. The cold wave will check whatever southern tributaries would have done and northern streams are about run out.

The following are stages and changes: Pittsburgh, 28.7, rise, 19.8; Wheeling, 34.2, rise, 13.6; Upperville, 26.5, rise, 17.7; Charleston, 5.7, rise, .2; Point Pleasant, 16.2, rise, 10.7; Huntington, 13.2, rise, 4.7; Portsmouth, 12.6, rise, 2.9; Cincinnati 22.5, fall, 1.2.

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Jan. 23.—Traffic on all the railroads is affected, but the worst sufferers are the Pittsburg & Western and the Allegheny Valley and Pan Handle division. Pennsylvania freight traffic is almost at a standstill.

The Allegheny at 9 a. m., was 23.3 feet, rising three tenths of a foot an hour. It is expected it will reach thirty feet.

Scioto Is High.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Jan. 23.—The flood in the Scioto river is raising rapidly and is now at the stage of 17.6, falling nearly a foot from the highest point.

Plants Shut Down.

By Associated Press.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 23.—The flood has stopped the water works pumps, railroad tracks are flooded and many industrial plants are closed down. The river is still rising.

Not Disastrous.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 23.—Under present conditions there is not likely to be a disastrous flood here, while there is a phenomenal rise at Pittsburgh there is no corresponding flow from the southern tributaries. At Portsmouth the river is ten feet lower than here. The cold weather with snow checks the rise very quickly.

Families Being Rescued.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Jan. 23.—The water has reached the second floors of some houses. Families are being rescued by boats.

No Lives Lost.

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Jan. 23.—Up to this time there have been no lives lost in the flood so far as known. The property loss will probably reach one million dollars.

Levee In Danger.

By Associated Press.

Marion, Ind., Jan. 23.—The residents of the eastern part of the city fear the river will break over the levee. The water is within one foot of top.

The Indiana Union Traction bridge at Gas City was partly swept away and the ice gorge threatens its entire destruction.

SENATOR BURTON INDICTED

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 23.—The United States Grand Jury indicted today Senator Burton, of Kansas, on the charge of accepting \$5,000 from the Rialto Grain and Securities Company, while he was U. S. senator for interfering with the postmaster general and other post office officials to enable the Rialto Company to use the mails.

SHOOTING SCRAPE

TAKES PLACE AT SALEM AS RESULT OF A ROW IN THE MUNDAY FAMILY.

YOUTHFUL AND DESERTED BRIDE IN HER MISERY SEEKS VENGEANCE AGAINST HUSBAND

Shoots at Him Twice With a Revolver and Gets Jailed—The Husband Also Given Heavy Sentence.

Marriage proved a failure with Ora Munday and his wife, of Salem. She married him three or four months ago, when she was less than 14 years old. Communal bliss was soon a thing of the past with them and she turned her out of house and home. The affair did not end there, however, and from present indications there is likely yet to be murder, notwithstanding the fact that the youthful and deserted wife did not accomplish that act Friday, when she terrorized the family by firing two shots with a revolver.

The shooting happened at the house occupied by the Munday and Moses Harris families. Munday was on hand with a knife and was behaving unbecomingly toward his deserted wife and she herself was in murderous humor. After a war of words she proceeded to fill some one full of lead. She claims she was shooting at her husband, but others say she was trying to shoot her grandmother, Mrs. Munday and her aunt, Marvel Munday.

One complaint was made against her and she was jailed by the town officers. The mayor fined her \$30 at the trial Friday evening. She had to go to jail in default of bail, but some of the young men paid her out later in the evening.

Munday was also arrested for being disorderly. He attempted to stab the officer with a knife and fought him viciously. Saturday morning the mayor gave him 30 days in jail and \$20 fine. No one was hurt in the mix-up.

WOMAN STRUGGLED

Fiercely With the One Who Murdered Her—Thorough Search Being Made For the Fiend.

By Associated Press.

Bedford, Ind., Jan. 23.—The most thorough search is being made for the murderer of Miss Schaefer. One man was arrested, but he quickly showed his innocence. There is evidence of a hard struggle in the alley. The victim's skull was fractured in three places and her clothing was much torn.

An examination of the body of Miss Schaefer makes the motive for her murder more than mysterious. She was not robbed but she had a fearful struggle before she was killed but was not otherwise mistreated.

MANY DEAD FROM TORNADO

Thirty-Eight Victims Thus Far Reported and Sixty-Fire More Were Injured—A Dozen More May Die.

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 23.—The dead from yesterday's tornado at Moundsville number thirty-eight, six of whom were white, and the number of wounded is estimated at sixty-five, about a dozen of whom may die.

KILLED BY CARS

Were Two Railroad Machinists, While Repairing Cars in the Big Four Yards.

By Associated Press.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 23.—James Fitzmorris and John Faragher were killed here today by cut cars striking one under which they were at work repairing in the Big Four Yards.

EXPLOSION

Mrs. Mary Rodgers narrowly escaped severe injury from a gas explosion in the kitchen of her home on Chapel street at noon Saturday. She attempted to light a fire in the cook stove. It appears the gas had been turned on but she did not know it. The moment she applied the match an explosion took place. The cooking utensils were knocked about the room, the top of the stove blown off and the interior badly damaged. Luckily Mrs. Rodgers was not burned at all.

JAIL DELIVERY

OCCURS AT EARLY HOUR, BUT NO ONE KNEW ABOUT IT, UNTIL AFTER CONVICT HAD GONE.

CHARLES MATTOCK, SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY, CRAWLS THROUGH HOLE AND ESCAPES.

Sunny Climes of Italy More Alluring Than the Stifling Atmosphere in the State Prison—Escaped So Quietly That None Knew It.

A jail delivery occurred early Saturday morning here, but none knew at what hour it happened, except the man who effected his escape. The sheriff had given the man in charge of the jail strict orders not to remain on guard at any time during the night and he obeyed by staying up all night and making occasional rounds of the prison.

However, his vigilance was not sufficient to prevent the escape of Charles Mattock, an Italian. Mattock is the Italian, who was convicted of breaking into a railroad freight car here a few weeks ago and stealing a box of chemicals and medical instruments therefrom. He was seen in the act and arrested by Officer Powell and jailed. An indictment and the conviction followed at this term of court.

Judge Mason sentenced him Friday night to one year in the penitentiary. This no doubt convinced him it would be much more pleasant to spend the remainder of his days in the sunny climes of Italy and the very thought of his native land urged him to get out of jail.

Once before James Kirkpatrick squeezed himself through a hole of the wall of his cell and got away. That hole is still there, although a steel slab had been placed at the bottom to make it smaller.

Virgil Frum, the man of much jail fame of late, cut many capers, while he was in the county bastille and among them was to tear up this slab to show his prowess as the strong man. No one knew he had done it, but that did not prevent Mattock from lifting it up and queering himself through the hole. This done he climbed to the transom over the door and dropped to the ground. After that it was easy for him to bid adieu to the jail forever.

It was done so quietly that none knew he had gone, until Floyd Robinson made a round of the jail at 3 o'clock and missed him. Not even the several men in his cell knew about it until that time.

STRANGERS

Are United in Marriage By Rev. W. M. Hudson Saturday Morning—Groom Will Go Into Business Here or at New Martinsville.

Rev. William H. Hudson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, united in marriage Miss Annie Reuther and Mr. Fred Deitrich, in his study in the Jacobs building Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Deitrich are strangers in the city. He comes from Chicago, where he is engaged in business. His bride is a native of Germany, having just recently arrived in this country, and it was by pre-arrangement that they came to Clarksburg to get married. Mr. Deitrich intends going into business either here or at New Martinsville and he will make short stays in both cities with the intention of securing a building.

ELSIE PITTS ARRESTED AND YOUNG MEN FREED

CONSTABLE FINDS HER AT CUMBERLAND AND SHE WILL BE TAKEN TO HER HOME.

Girls Father Appears Before Magistrate and Has Warrant Against Two Young Men He Charged With Abduction Dismissed and They Are Released.

Elsie Pitts, the fourteen-year-old daughter of James H. Pitts, of Rinehart, who has been missing from her home since last Saturday, has been found and Burton Cottrill and Russell Wright, the two young men who have been in jail charged with abducting her have been released from custody.

CONVICTS SENTENCED

ROY GREEN, CONVICTED OF UNLAWFULLY SHOOTING, IS GIVEN A TERM OF THREE YEARS.

Charles Mattock Given One Year and Rice Thompson Also the Same Sentence—Other Matters of Interest Transacted in Court.

Judge Mason, in circuit court late Friday evening, sentenced Roy Green, colored, to three years in the penitentiary. He was convicted at this term of unlawfully shooting Dora Banks, colored, with intent to maim, disfigure and kill. The shooting took place during a quarrel over a girl.

Lloyd Duff was acquitted of a misdemeanor indictment.

George Buckhannon was acquitted of an indictment for trying to kill D. J. Feely, at Salem, several months ago.

John Perry was released from jail, no indictment having been found against him.

Judgment for \$415.15 was given to plaintiff in the case of the Philip Cary Company against Henderson and Parker.

An order was entered in the case of Patrick F. Cayfield against William E. McBride, giving its proper place on the docket.

Mike Belle, indicted for felony, gave bond of \$500 for his appearance the 4th day of the next term for trial.

Charles Mattock, an Italian, convicted of breaking into a Baltimore & Ohio Railroad car and stealing goods therefrom, was sentenced Friday evening to one year in the penitentiary.

Rice Thompson, colored, convicted of unlawfully cutting with intent to kill Oliver Jones, was given one year in the penitentiary.

A rule was issued against Albert Smith for failure to attend as a witness.

Albert Webb was placed on trial Saturday morning for a misdemeanor.

GOV. TAFT ARRIVES

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Former Governor W. H. Taft arrived today with his wife and their two children from the Philippines. He boarded an overland train for Washington.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 23.—The schooner Augustus Hunt, was wrecked today and but two of the crew were saved. Fifteen persons were drowned.

MASONS TAKE HIGHER DEGREES.

The Council and Most Excellent degrees were conferred upon several candidates at the special convocation of Adoniram Chapter, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., held in the Masonic hall, Friday evening. The candidates were U. G. Way, of Salem; L. J. Davidson, of Mt. Clare; Dr. Chester R. Ogden, city; H. A. Bartlett, Mt. Clare; Prof. Clyde Randolph, of the state university, and A. L. Carson, of Salem.

KING LAND CASE TO BE HEARD FURTHER

JAILED FOR TRESPASSING.

Michael McDermott was given a trial before Magistrate Riley Friday evening on the charge of assaulting "Doc" Lyons at the B. & O. camp car in the east end of the city. The magistrate found the evidence insufficient to hold the man on the charge but sent him to jail for failure of paying the costs in the case for trespassing.

GAS ENGINE DEMOLISHED

Main Shaft Flew Off While Engine Was in Full Motion—Loss Amounts to \$1,000—Engineer Had Very Narrow Escape.

The 60-horse power gas engine at the wholesale house of Ruhl-Koblegard Co. was completely demolished at 10.30 o'clock Saturday morning. The main shaft of the engine broke, while it was in full motion, causing the wrecking of the engine. One of the big fly wheels flew and was hurled through the basement at fearful speed. The engineer was in the room and jumped behind some pillars and fortunately escaped. The engine was used in running the elevator. The loss is about \$1,000.

CRAZY PRISONERS TAKEN TO ASYLUM

Deputy Sheriffs Take Joseph Hofbauer and George Williams to the State Insane Asylum, at Weston.

Deputy Sheriffs John Lang, Fred Fleming, John Knox and A. D. Fitzhugh took the two crazy prisoners who have been confined in the county jail for some time past, to the state insane asylum at Weston Friday night. The prisoners were Joseph Hofbauer, the "dumb man of the jail" who was adjudged insane by Magistrate Riley Thursday afternoon, and George Williams, who was committed by Squire Baumgardner some time ago.

MISSSES HUGILL ENTERTAIN

Quite a Number of Friends at Their Home and the Evening is One of Much Enjoyment.

Misses Anna and Minnie Hugill delightfully entertained a number of friends at their home Friday night. Cards and other games were indulged in and delicious refreshments were served. The evening was one of great enjoyment to all present.

Those present were the Misses Long and Misses Flora Rittenhouse, Anna Rittenhouse, Debra Ball, Bessie Ogden, Alma Swiger and Mrs. Frank Long, and the gentlemen were Harry Morrison, William Cable, Edward Stout, James Harrison, J. Harry Wondelake, Ernest Rittenhouse, Brently Rittenhouse, Frank Long, Arthur J. Thompson and Edward Peck.

LECTURE

By President of West Virginia Conference Seminary Was the Feature of Teachers' Institute at Shinnston.

The institute held by the teachers of Clay and Eagle districts at Shinnston on Friday was well attended. Thirty-two teachers were present and many of the citizens of that town took in the proceedings. Much interest was shown. Three sessions were held, one in the forenoon, another in the afternoon and the other at night. County Superintendent L. W. Ogden has charge of the sessions. He feature of the program was a lecture by Dr. John Weir, president of the West Virginia Conference Seminary, at Buckhannon, at the night session in the opera house. He spoke on "Moral Education" and entertained and instructed a large and appreciative audience.

FORDERS DROWNED

While Trying to Cross a Swollen Stream—Four Men and Women Perish Together.

By Associated Press.

Sharon, Pa., Jan. 23.—Four men and women while trying to ford a swollen stream here today were drowned.

WILL COME UP BEFORE JUDGE MASON, AT FAIRMONT, IN THE MONTH OF MARCH NEXT.

ON THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER AND WILL CONTINUE IN COURT SOME TIME

Short History of the Controversy Shows That No One is Being Ousted of Home, It Being the Policy to Exclude All Homesteads From the Suit.

The King land case, a part of which was heard in circuit court here Friday by Judge Mason, on an injunction, will be further heard in Fairmont in March. The entire case has been transferred to him from Cabell county by Judge Doolittle, who became interested in some of the land in controversy and could not on that account continue to hear the matter.

The case has been in the courts ten years and was begun when the state began to sell the lands in controversy just prior to 1894. These lands are situated in McDowell, Logan, Wyoming and Mingo counties and were regarded by the state as waste lands. The commissioner of school lands took them in hand and began to sell them. About this time parties interested with King tendered money to the state in payment of the taxes and the suit resulted. For a time King and others fought the state on the grounds that they had the right to redeem the lands. Finally the 600 or 700 homesteads that were included in the lands in controversy were dropped from it, the plaintiffs agreeing that these were free from what rights those suing for the land had, and then the matter became confined to unoccupied lands, which will aggregate 100,000 acres or more.

At this juncture the state ceased to fight the King company and proceeded with them to recover the lands, or rather the timber and coal of those who had taken possession of them without title, either from the state or King.

The land in immediate controversy, with which the injunction against the Ritter-Lumber Company is associated, and which injunction was argued here Friday on a motion to dissolve, consists of about 5,000 acres unoccupied and situated in McDowell county. The Ritter-Lumber Company claims the timber on this land and the injunction is for the purpose of restraining them from cutting it.

It is claimed that this land does not belong to the junior claimants but that the title is both in the state and the King people. There are several small homesteads along the river, but these have been excluded from the controversy. It is further claimed that but one homestead is involved in the entire matter, the policy having been adopted by the King side of the controversy not to disturb homesteads and to cut them out of the matter, whenever they ran across such obstacles.

The hearing in Fairmont in March will be on the commissioner's report, but that is likely to be but the beginning of the case so far as Judge Mason is concerned and it may be some time before he gets through with it.

In the event the suit is won by the plaintiffs then will follow some sort of litigation between the King people and the state, the former claiming the right to redeem the property by paying the taxes and other expenses incurred by the state in the matter.

REV. PLUMMER ARRIVES

New Rector of Christ Episcopal Church Arrives to Take Up His Work and Will Hold Services To-Morrow.

Rev. James H. Plummer, of Washington, D. C., who has accepted the call to the parish of Christ Episcopal Church in this city, has arrived here with his two boys. He will move his family and household effects here within the next week and take up his residence in the church rectory. Regular services will be held by him in the church Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Plummer was the assistant rector of Epiphany Episcopal Church, in Washington, and he resigned that position to accept the rectorate of the parish here.

STREET CARS SUSPENDED FOR A FEW HOURS

Owing to the necessity for some repairs at the power plant of the local street car system, there will be an abandonment of cars for a few hours to-morrow morning. The superintendent announces that they will not run that morning until 9 o'clock.